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(U) Colusa – Five Arrested at Illegal Marijuana Grow

(U) Five people were arrested after authorities took down a large-scale illegal marijuana grow operation in Colusa County last week. The Colusa County Sheriff's Office said more than 4,800 marijuana plants were seized during the takedown. Investigators served a search warrant early Thursday morning at an address in the city of Colusa, the sheriff's office said. The operation was reportedly being run inside an old rice mill for several months.

SOURCE: 22 April 2022, [CBS 13 Sacramento](#)

(U) Oakland – 92-Pounds of Fentanyl Seized in Bust

(U) Alameda County sheriff deputies and their partners at the narcotics task force have seized about 92-pounds of illicit fentanyl at locations in Oakland and Hayward, authorities announced Saturday. The sheriff's office Twitter post included photos of tables overflowing with bags of fentanyl pills and powder. An Alameda County Sheriff's Office spokesman said the raids took place on Friday and uncovered a major fentanyl manufacturing lab. One suspect was arrested and a second remained at large.

SOURCE: 24 April 2022, [CBS San Francisco](#)

(U) Orange County – Seven Charged with Distributing Fentanyl that Killed Ten

(U) Federal prosecutors have charged seven people with distributing fatal doses of fentanyl that killed ten people over the last several years in Orange County. The cases, announced Friday, underscore the degree to which the powerful synthetic opioid has pervaded the illegal drug market in Southern California. Most of the people who overdosed in the cases had used cocaine or counterfeit prescription pills that, unbeknown to them, were laced with fentanyl, according to prosecutors. All seven defendants, who are charged in separate cases and not an overarching conspiracy, are accused of distributing fentanyl resulting in death. If convicted of the offense, they would each face a mandatory minimum sentence of 20-years in prison.

SOURCE: 22 April 2022, [Los Angeles Times](#)

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(U) Arkansas – Man Sentenced for Trafficking Firearms to Mexican Drug Cartels

(U) Little Rock – An Oklahoma man will spend the next 12-years in prison after pleading guilty to smuggling firearms for a Mexican cartel into Arkansas. A federal judge sentenced Andrew Scott Pierson, 46, last week after Pierson pleaded guilty in November 2021 to charges of conspiracy to violate the Arms Export Control Act, admitting to prosecutors that he was ordering parts for guns in the United States in order to build automatic weapons in Mexico. Federal officials said those automatic weapons were used to arm the Cartel Del Noreste and Cartel Jalisco Nueva Generacion (CJNG).

SOURCE: 22 April 2022, [KTAL](#)

(U) District of Columbia – Suspect Found Dead After Shooting Four

(U) Washington – At least four people, including a 12-year-old girl, were shot when a gunman fired numerous rounds in the nation's capital Friday, leading to lockdowns at several schools and leaving a

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community on edge before the suspect was found dead hours later. The suspected gunman was found dead Friday night inside an apartment at the scene as Metropolitan Police Department officers conducted door-to-door searches of buildings in the area. Hours earlier, police believe the man had erected a "sniper-type setup" with a tripod and rifle in his apartment and began firing indiscriminately at people walking below, Metropolitan Police Chief Robert Contee said. The shooting was recorded and posted online on 4chan, an online message board.

SOURCE: 22 April 2022, [Associated Press](#)

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(U) Afghanistan – 33 Killed in Mosque Bombing

(U) Kabul – A Taliban official says a bombing at a mosque and religious school in northern Afghanistan on Friday killed at least 33 people, including students at a religious school. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the bombing, but Afghanistan's Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) affiliate on Thursday claimed a series of earlier bombings, the worst of which was an attack on a Shiite mosque in northern Mazar-e-Sharif targeting Afghanistan's minority Shiite Muslim worshippers, killing at least ten and wounded scores more.

SOURCE: 22 April 2022, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Costa Rica – Russian Cyber Gangs Target Costa Rica

(U) San Jose – Costa Rican President Carlos Alvarado said on Thursday that recent cyberattacks on state computer systems are aimed at destabilizing the Central American country as it transitions to the new government of president-elect Rodrigo Chaves. Six public institutions were hit by cyberattacks this week, officials said. The Russia-based cybercrime group Conti claimed responsibility, demanding \$10 million in exchange for releasing stolen or encrypted data from Costa Rica's finance ministry, according to local media. The hackers accessed historical taxpayer information considered "sensitive" after intervening in the Treasury's customs platforms, Finance Minister Elian Villegas said on Wednesday, without specifying the amount of data breached.

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